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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 010743.52678US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of international application No. PCT/EP02/03386 filed March 26, 2002 of:

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entitled: **METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT AN INTEGRITY TEST FOR FILTER ELEMENTS**

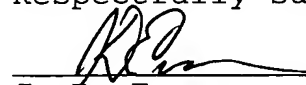
Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.
2. Specification, including 21 claims (26 pages).
3. 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-3.
4. Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and references (6).
5. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 101 16.335.5, filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on April 2, 2001.
6. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of international application No. PCT/EP02/03386 filed March 26, 2002.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$385/770 =	\$770.00
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Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=		x \$43/86 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented						\$145/290 = \$
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